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- At about 0900 hours GMT on 17 January 1953, in foggy weather and with a wind blowing at force 2 or 3, a large Soviet warship was sighted about 18 sea miles northwest of Lysa Gora (N 54-23, E 19-27). Source believed that it was a cruiser, but it could not be identified because of weather conditions and distance. It steered easterly and westerly courses until nightfall, at a speed of about 15 knots. A Soviet destroyer was sighted on an easterly course about 20 sea miles northwest of Lysa Gora. It resembled a German NARVIK-class destroyer, having two funnels with smoke hoods inclined toward the stern, a single gun on the foredeck, the bridge just at the end of the foredeck, a tripod mast aft of the bridge, and a superstructure on the fantail. A Soviet submarine which, source estimated, had a displacement of about 800 tons, was sighted about 25 sea miles northwest of Lysa Gora, approximately 400 meters from . It had a large conning tower with a step, an empty gun pedestal forward of the conning tower, and was flying several signal flags as it proceeded at about 12 knots on a westerly course. 25X1X
 it turned off to the northwest.

- At about noon on 2 February 1953, a group of six Soviet vessels was sighted about eight sea miles west of Baltiysk (N 54-38, E 19-52). They proceeded 25X1X
- At 1000 hours on 6 February 1953, a Soviet destroyer, steering a southerly course, was sighted north of Neukrug (N 54-27, E 19-38). She had the distinguishing number 175 preceded by two unidentified letters, two funnels and a gun turret on the foredeck, a multiple torpedo mount between her aft funnel and her fantail gun turret, and a mast between the bridge and the first funnel. Atop the bridge she carried a conspicuous rangefinder, whose

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base source estimated to be three meters long. At 1645 hours, vessel [] on a northeasterly course with a target in tow. Another warship, steering a westerly course at about six knots, passed [] at about the same time. It had two funnels with smoke hoods, carried a number of rubber boats between the funnels, and had radar equipment on top of the bridge.

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[] Comment. It is believed that a Soviet cruiser was stationed in the Baltiysk area. The vessel mentioned in Paragraph 1 may have been a SVERDLOV-class cruiser attached to the South Baltic Fleet.

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